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100 foreign hostages freed, 30 missing in Algeria

ALGIERS (AFP) - Algerian special forces have freed about 100 foreign hostages from Islamist gunmen at a remote gas plant near the Libyan border, but some 30 are still missing, national media said on Friday.

"Around 100 foreigners out of 132 hostages seized by a terrorist group that attacked the Tiguentourine gas plant on Wednesday have been freed," APS reported, citing a security official.

The Algerian news agency had said earlier that "more than half" of the foreign

hostages had been freed in the rescue operation, along with 573 Algerians, some of whom spoke of their ordeal on Algerian television.

"The kidnappers took all the hostages, Algerians and foreigners, to the canteen and wired it with explosives," said one Algerian, an employee of US firm Halliburton.

Another explained how they had escaped through a door at the back of the base that the kidnappers were not aware of, adding: "When we left we waved scraps of white cloth so that the army knew we were workers."

Some of the foreign hostages who managed to escape said they had had explosives wrapped around their necks, or hid, petrified, wherever they could for nearly two days.

"I was under the bed (in my room) and I put boards everywhere just in case," before finally being freed by Algerian troops on Thursday evening, said an employee of French catering firm CSI.

The army rescue operation was launched at around mid-

day on Thursday after the kidnappers seized the hostages at the gas plant in what they said was retaliation for Algeria's support for French air strikes in Mali.

Security sources said the army was trying to reach a "peaceful" end to the ongoing hostage crisis, before "neutralising the terrorist group that is holed up in the plant and freeing a group of hostages still being held there."

The In Amenas plant, which is jointly operated by British oil giant BP, Norway's Statoil and Algeria's Sonatrach, was put out of service to avoid the risk of explosion.

The kidnappers said 34 captives were killed in the military assault, but an Algerian security source described that toll as "fantasy," while stating that 18 of more than 30 gunmen involved in the hostage-taking operation were killed.

International criticism is mounting of the Algerian government's handling of the attack on the plant amid reports that many foreign hostages may have been killed in the army raid.

Thursday night was the final night of the Caiso & Soca Monarch Pre-finals; and a field of over 80 songs were narrowed down to compete for the titles of Carnival 59 Roadmarch (Soca) King or Queen, and Calypso (Caiso) King or Queen. A total of 30 finalists made it to the grand finale, which will take place tonight at the Joe Laveist Sport Park.

This is a full evening of original regional music at its best; where the rhythms that drive carnival and evoke dancing in the streets are revealed and selected to be the Roadmarch. Caiso, biting, satirical essays on social and political events of the past year, usually in English, are a

very unique part of Caribbean culture. Aruba's most important and talented musical groups and performers participate in these contests every year.

The gates will be open as of at 5 p.m. At 6 p.m. a DJ will be entertaining the crowd as a warm-up for the exciting night, and a very special Heineken "Happy Hour" was promised. At 8 p.m. sharp, the first contestant will be on stage to present their song to the crowd.

Judging by the amount of tickets already sold, things are shaping up to be a festive event.

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Dutch Minister of Home Affairs and Kingdom Relations Plasterk eager to visit islands



Minister Ronald Plasterk

THE HAGUE--Dutch Minister of Home Affairs and Kingdom Relations Ronald Plasterk is looking forward to his first official visit to the Dutch Caribbean. He starts his seven-day visit today in Aruba.

The Minister will be in St. Maarten next Tuesday afternoon until Wednesday morning. He will visit Saba Wednesday afternoon until Thursday morning and St. Eustatius on Thursday afternoon until Friday morning.

Plasterk, who was appointed on November 5 last year, has never visited the Windward Islands before, only the Leeward Islands in a previous function as Minister of Education, Culture and Science, said in an interview with The Daily Herald and Amigoe that he will be visiting with an "open mind."

"This is an introductory visit. I have already met some members of the overseas governments like Prime Ministers Mike Eman of Aruba and Sarah Wescot-Williams of St. Maarten, but I have yet to meet the new Curaçao Prime Minister Daniel Hodge and the other members of his

cabinet," he said.

The Kingdom of The Netherlands is important to Plasterk (55). He often reminds people, including his colleagues in the Council of Ministers that the Kingdom entails more than The Netherlands. "People sometimes forget that the Kingdom consists of four countries, each with its own autonomy and responsibility. I want to ensure that people are well aware of that," he said.

Cooperation in the Kingdom is imperative, according to the Minister. "I want to focus on what we can do together, explore areas where we can work together and how we can reinforce each other. We are together in one Kingdom covering two continents. I want to look ahead, search together for joint opportunities in all openness, find a future together," he said, also aiming at the role of the islands as a hub function between Europe and Latin America.

Plasterk is aware that it is not always good news in the Kingdom and that at times tension runs high, the most recent case being Curaçao which was ordered by the Kingdom Council of Ministers to get its finances in order.

Still, every country has its own responsibility, said the Minister. "I don't want to get into the responsibility of another country. Each country has its own government and responsibilities including arranging its own finances," he said.

But the Kingdom Government does find it important that agreements are lived up to. "Agreements were made

and that means it becomes a joint responsibility," he said, mentioning the Central Bank of Curaçao and St. Maarten. "It was agreed that there would be an audit at the Bank. It is logical that eyebrows are raised when it takes very long for this to materialise."

The new government in Curaçao has a big responsibility and is under enormous pressure to take essential and difficult decisions to cut cost, said Plasterk. "Cost reduction measures are unavoidable, also because it is crucial to ensure that there is trust in the economy. Without that trust, economic activities will cease and the country will end in a negative spiral. The new government awaits a heavy task," he said.

(News Source: "The Daily Herald")



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Commemorative Medal Celebrates 200 Years of the Kingdom of the Netherlands



As Part of the celebrations which will begin next year, the Royal Dutch Mint have issued (30th November) a commemorative medal which begins the official anniversary of Prince William of Orange's arrival in Holland and the eventual proclamation of the United Kingdom of the Netherlands in 1815.

The Netherlands or Lowlands (named as such due to their low lying or below sea-level position on the river delta of the North Sea) has been home to a sea-faring people since before the time of Christ. When the Romans and written history arrived around 57 BC, the country was sparsely populated by various tribal groups at the periphery of the empire. The descendants of the Salian Franks eventually came to dominate the area, and from their speech the distinctive Dutch language arose. Over the centuries, the territory has been the subject of struggles and war resulting in domination and rule of Spain, Austria and France more recently. After a conflict known as the Eighty Years War against Spanish rule, the Dutch Republic emerged in 1648 with the Northern provinces uniting as a single entity. The southern

provinces (present-day Belgium) remained under Hapsburg rule until they were absorbed into the Kingdom of Holland under Napoleon's brother Louis in 1806 which included the Northern provinces as well. The kingdom itself was dissolved in 1810 by Napoleon after which the Netherlands were annexed by France until 1813. During the battles and political struggles, the Netherlands emerged as an economic super-power with commerce expanding and the United Provinces prospering. Amsterdam became the most important trading center in northern Europe During the Dutch Golden Age. The Dutch Republic, particularly Holland and Zeeland, became a veritable Dutch empire becoming a maritime power with a commercial, imperial and colonial reach that extended to Asia, Africa, Australia and the Americas. Before the final defeat of Napoleon, Prince Willem of Orange returned to the Netherlands from 18 years of exile on the 30th November 1813 and headed a new government which eventually resulted in the proclamation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands with Prince Willem of Orange as King Willem I in 1815.

ATTENTION J.E. Irausquin Boulevard to be partly closed for 4 weeks

ORANJESTAD – The Department of Public Works – DOW – announces to the general public that as of Tuesday, January 22, 2013 they will start with the construction work of a culvert in the vicinity of Ocean Resort at the J.E. Irausquin Boulevard. The project encloses the installation of a drain pipe under the road which allows water to flow away faster in the Pos Abou area and so minimize the annoyance this causes.

The construction work will last 20 working days. The J.E. Irausquin Blvd will be closed in the vicinity of Ocean Resort. Changes in the traffic will be indicated with barricades and traffic signs.

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Marco 'Pancho' Thiel honored by Prime Minister



Marco Thiel receives his plaque from PM Eman

Last Thursday morning the Prime Minister paid the Thiel family a visit at their home in Savaneta, to present a special plaque to honor Marco 'Pancho' Thiel, one of the stalwarts of Savaneta.

Thiel served as corporal in the Marksman Squad as well as in the 2147 signing of the petition of March 18 1948. Thiel was one of those brave men who served our country well. The Prime Minister was accompanied by other dignitaries as well as members of the Bo Barrio Team, for the presentation of a special plaque presented to Thiel for his service to the community



of Aruba. Thiel was especially appreciative of the

honor bestowed on him.

Pancho Thiel is a very jolly person with an almost perfect memory. He entertained the Prime Minister during his visit in his home with anecdotes and stories of the past. He vividly recalls the moment he and others signed the petition of March 18. Thiel assured everyone that the plaque will be placed in a special place on his wall in his home.

Again, Pancho Thiel and the Thiel family were specially honored by this recognition of the government for Pancho Thiel's dedicated service to his island.

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Tickets can still be bought in pre-sale, which is recommended to avoid the long lines at the stadium's ticket booth.

Tickets are also sold at Plaza Bookshop, Cliffix, CD & More, Superfood, Wema, Valero Boulevard, Valero Essoville, Gallo Rojo, MY USA, Fun Miles y Dragon CD & Electronics at a cost of Afl. 35. (\$20)

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Ronwayne Kock - **D'licious**
Mighty Jaoul - **Dushi Band**
Ashmiani Gario - **Le Groove**
Charles Hooker - **NBO**
Valetino King - **NBO**
Jonathan Thiel - **Upgrade**
Adolfo Richardson - **XC Lanz**
Tattoo - **Zeta Band**

SOCA

Bobby Gibbs - **OREO**
Jairo Evertsz - **OREO**
Mighty Campo - **DURO**
Cesar Olarte - **Dushi Band**
Caiso Teddy - **Dushi Band**
Tony Mingo - **Le Groove**
Ashrock Gario - **Le Groove**
Ashmiani Gario - **Le Groove**
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Ivor Aurelio Lee - **Le Groove**
Lincoln Gomes - **Le Groove**

Blacky - **Le Groove**

The Baron - **NBO**
Livette Richardson - **NBO**
Giovanni Meulens - **The Failures**
Chicho Kock - **This and That**
Adolfo Richardson - **XC Lanz Band**
Marienne Croes - **XC Lanz Band**
Urmain Dinzery - **XC Lanz Band**
Tattoo - **Zeta Band**

Line up of the bands tonight!



Yesterday the draw for the Caiso and Soca Monarch lineup took place.

Tonight's line-up on stage is the following:

1. Upgrade Music
2. D'licious
3. Le Groove

4. Dushi Band
5. DURO
6. Zeta Band
7. OREO
8. NBO
9. XC Lanz Band
10. The Failures
11. This & That.



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7:30 p.m. - Final Aruba Caiso & Soca Monarch Festival (Joe Laveist - San Nicolas)

Children's Carnival Queen Dakota and Noord ready to lead the Children's parade



Dakota Children's Queen

Recently, Dakota held their Children's Queen Election. After a fun-filled evening Zue-Jean Croes was crowned as Dakota's Children's Queen 2013. Her first Runner-up was Oriana Perez, followed by Daryleen Wever who was 2nd runner-up. This same week Noord also crowned their Children's Carnival Queen.

Edilienne Tromp was crowned Noord's Children's Carnival Queen followed by 1st runner-up: Keylie Ann Eckmeyer; 2nd runner-up: Isis Maduro; 3rd runner-up: Raynoushka Wever and 4th runner-up: Mary Ann Correa.



Noord's Children's Queen

Japan says will sign child abduction treaty

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Japan's foreign minister said Friday that the new government would sign a treaty on child abductions, addressing one of the few rifts in relations with its main ally the United States.

Japan has not signed or ratified the 1980 Hague Convention, which requires the return of wrongfully held children to the countries where they usually live, but a previous left-leaning government had said it planned to do so.

Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida, whose conservative Liberal Democratic Party returned to power last month, said on a visit to Washington that Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's government would take the same stance.

"The government of Japan is intending to go through the necessary procedures for early signing of the treaty," Kishida told a news conference with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Clinton said she hoped that Japan's parliament would pass legislation on the Hague treaty during its upcoming session.

Japanese courts virtually never grant custody to foreign parents or to fathers, leaving few legal avenues for fathers whose former partners have fled to Japan with their children.

US parents have pursued at least 120 cases in Japan to seek access to half-Japanese children, invariably to no avail. The US Congress has repeatedly pressed Japan to take up the issue.

Japanese critics of the Hague convention have previously argued that the country needs to protect women from potentially abusive foreign men.

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US flu epidemic worsens, 29 children dead

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A flu epidemic gripping the United States is more severe than usual, striking the elderly especially hard, health authorities said Friday as they also announced 29 child victims.

With the nation only about halfway through the season, complications are likely to worsen for those who caught the flu, said Tom Frieden, chief of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"We expect to see both the number and rates of hospital-

ization and deaths to rise further," Frieden told reporters.

The CDC said 30 states and New York City are reporting high influenza rates, up from 24 states last week. And more than 5,000 people have required hospitalization to treat their flu symptoms. New York has declared a state of emergency over the crisis.

Widespread geographic flu activity was also reported in 48 states for the week ending January 12, up from 47 states the previous week.

Nationwide, influenza rates dropped slightly to 4.6 percent, down from 4.8 percent the previous week.

There is no national reporting system for flu-related deaths among adults, but the CDC said that 8.3 percent of deaths reported through the 122 Cities Mortality Reporting System were due to pneumonia and influenza.

That exceeds the epidemic threshold of 7.2 percent. The rate of flu- and pneumonia-linked deaths the week before

was 7.3 percent.

Nine children died last week alone, bringing the total to 29 since the season began in early December. The flu kills an average of about a hundred children in the United States each year. The toll was 34 in 2011-2012.

"It's shaping up to be a worse than average season and a bad season particularly for the elderly," Frieden said, stressing that there was still time to get vaccinated and that early treatment was "crit-

ically important."

He predicted that hospitalizations and deaths would continue to rise as the flu epidemic spreads further.

The severity of the symptoms this year may be explained by the season experiencing a dominant strain of influenza A(H3N2), historically blamed for more serious cases of the virus.

So far, about half of confirmed flu cases concern people aged 65 and older, with a high hospitalization rate of 82 per 100,000.

'Dutch sent family to their deaths' at Srebrenica, court told

THE HAGUE (AFP) - The Dutch state is responsible for sending a Bosnian Muslim family to their deaths after they were expelled from a UN compound at Srebrenica in 1995, a relative told the Netherlands' highest court on Friday.

Hasan Nuhanovic, who worked as an interpreter for Dutch UN peacekeeping forces in Bosnia at the time, told a Supreme Court hearing how he was ordered to tell his father, mother and brother to leave a UN base, sending them to certain death at the hands of Bosnian Serb forces.

"The Dutch... expelled my family and handed them to the Serbs, who killed them," he told judges, who now have

to deliberate whether the Netherlands can be held liable for the deaths of Nuhanovic's father Ibro and his brother Muhamed as well as that of another worker on the base, electrician Rizo Mustafic.

Nuhanovic's mother, Nasiha, was also killed, though her death is not part of the current case.

"My family was all inside the base. We thought it was the only safe place in a 100-kilometre (60-mile) radius," Nuhanovic said.

The three men whose deaths are at the centre of the hearings were among almost 8,000 Muslim men and boys slaughtered by troops commanded by Bosnian Serb

general Ratko Mladic, who brushed aside lightly armed Dutch peacekeepers and overran the supposedly safe enclave in July 1995, during Bosnia's brutal three-year civil war.

Friday's hearing in The Hague is the culmination of a case spanning a decade, lodged in 2003 by Nuhanovic and Mustafic's relatives, who claim the three men -- who all worked on the Dutch battalion (Dutchbat) base -- could have been saved in what became Europe's worst massacre since World War II.

A final Supreme Court judgement is expected in September at the earliest, spokeswoman Mireille Beentjes told AFP.

Ukraine's Tymoshenko accused of contract killing



KIEV (AFP) - Prosecutors on Friday accused Ukraine's jailed former prime minister Yulia Tymoshenko of organising the 1996 murder of a powerful lawmaker and warned that a guilty verdict could put her behind bars for life.

Prosecutor General Viktor Pshonka said the fiery 52-year-old has been informed by prosecutors that she and another former prime minister detained in the United States are formal suspects in

the murder of deputy Yevgen Shcherban.

"We have collected evidence from the pre-trial investigation indicating that Tymoshenko really did order this murder together with (former prime minister Pavlo) Lazarenko," Pshonka told reporters.

"Today, an investigative team from the prosecutor general's office visited Tymoshenko in order to hand her (her documents on) suspicion of having committed a

crime."

He said the charismatic but divisive opposition leader has been named as a suspect under an article of the criminal code that meant she could spend the rest of her life in jail.

Tymoshenko's defence once again denied her involvement and called the charges political.

Tymoshenko was controversially sentenced to a seven-year jail term in 2011 amid Western outrage at her treatment by the government of President Viktor Yanukovich -- her recent bitter foe.

She is being treated for back pain in a hospital outside her prison in the eastern Ukrainian city of Kharkiv.

The start of her second trial on embezzlement and tax evasion has been delayed until February 12 because of her medical condition.

US, China agree on N. Korea sanctions deal

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - The United States and China have made a deal under which the UN Security Council will expand existing sanctions against North Korea for staging a ballistic missile test, envoys said Friday.

The deal has been struck after weeks of intense negotiations following the December 12 launch which have involved US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and her Chinese counterpart Yang Jiechi, according to envoys.

China is studying a proposed Security Council resolution which is expected to be quickly sent to all 15 members and could be passed next week, diplomats said.

The United States has sought a Security Council resolution with tough new sanctions against the nuclear-armed North for the rocket launch.

But China has sought to shield its ally against new action on top of sanctions ordered after its nuclear tests in 2006 and 2009. It wanted only a lower level council statement.

"This is a compromise," said one diplomat with knowledge of the negotiations. "The United States will get a formal resolution and widening use of the existing measures. China can say that it has avoided new sanctions."

"It is just awaiting China's final approval," said another envoy.

Both countries want any resolution passed before South Korea takes over the presidency of the Security Council in February, envoys said.

US and Chinese diplomats made no immediate comment on the negotiations, which were led in New York by US ambassador Susan Rice and her Chinese counterpart Li Baodong.

But the US administration has come under strong pressure from South Korea and Japan to stand firm in insisting on significant action against the North, said one UN diplomat.



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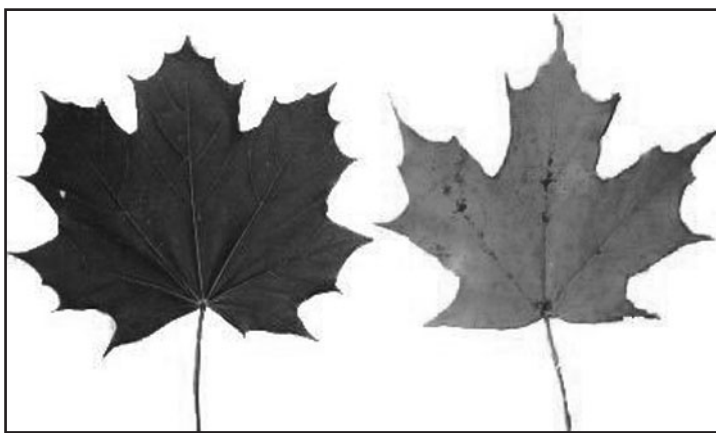
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Oops! Norwegian maple leaf dons new Canada \$20 bill



(left) Norway Maple Leaf and right Canada's sugar maple leaf

OTTAWA (AFP) - The maple leaf shown on Canada's new \$20 bills is from a Norway maple, which is not native to Canada, several botanists cited by Canadian media decried Friday.

Canada's iconic red maple leaf image appears on its flag, government logos and countless other branding of Canadiana.

"It's our national symbol - it's stunning that we continuously get it wrong," University of Ottawa professor Julian Starr told broadcaster CTV.

The Norway maple leaf, Starr and others pointed out, has five main lobes and the

tips are stringy while Canada's sugar maple leaf has just three lobes and the tips are not stringy.

Norway maple trees were introduced to North America in the 1800s but are considered invasive and have been banned in at least two US states. Canada has 10 native maple species.

The Bank of Canada dismissed criticisms, saying the leaf is not Norwegian but rather a "stylized Canadian maple leaf" and does not represent any specific species of tree.

The polymer banknote first went into circulation in November.



WASHINGTON, DC - JANUARY 18: Timothy Carder of Lenox holds a crystal vase during a media briefing in Washington, DC. Two crystal vases, donated by the Lenox Group Inc., will be given to U.S. President Barack Obama and U.S. Vice President Joseph Biden during an inaugural luncheon on January 21. (AFP photo)

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International News

Venezuela opposition cancels rally, fearing violence

CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuela's opposition on Friday canceled a march planned for January 23, saying it feared President Hugo Chavez's ruling party would "incite violence" with its own parallel mass demonstration.

Tensions have run high in Venezuela amid uncertainty over the future of Chavez, who missed his own inauguration on January 10 and has not been seen in public since he traveled to Cuba last month for his latest cancer surgery.

A coalition of several opposition parties said a rally would be held in a public park to commemorate the 55th anniversary of the country's democracy on Wednesday, instead of a previously planned march through the capital.

Chavez's United Socialist Party had called for its own demonstration on Wednesday, which marks the anniversary of the end of the rightwing military dictatorship of General Marcos Perez Jimenez in 1958.

The opposition coalition said its decision to call off the march "reaffirms its commitment to peace," adding that "the national government has clear intentions to take to the streets of the capital with the purpose of inciting violence."

The opposition has called for the appointment of an interim president to rule until new elections can be held, while the ruling party insists the ailing Chavez -- re-elected to a third six-year term in October -- is able to fulfill his duties from his hospital bed in Cuba.

The 58-year-old firebrand has been the face of the Latin American left for more than a decade and has dominated the political scene in Venezuela, which has the world's largest proven oil reserves.

The normally highly visible president has not been seen for weeks, however, and while officials say he is recovering they have never disclosed the type or severity of his cancer, first made public in 2011.

Fighter jets escort US plane after hijack warning

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Two F-15 fighter jets escorted an Alaska Airlines flight into Seattle's main airport Thursday after an anonymous caller told the FBI that a male passenger could be a hijacker, authorities said.

The Boeing 737 was escorted until it landed without incident in Seattle at about 7:00 pm (0300 GMT Friday), the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), which monitors US and Canadian airspace, said in a statement.

An FBI spokesman in Honolulu, Tom Simon, told AFP that an anonymous caller had informed his office that there could be a hijacker aboard Alaska Airlines Flight 819, which originated in Hawaii's Kona, and identified the man by name.

Flight crew were alerted, and the plane landed "without any drama at all," Simon said.

Local law enforcement and FBI officials removed the unidentified man from the plane for questioning.

Sniper kills French journalist in Syria's Aleppo: NGO

BEIRUT (AFP) - A Belgian-born French journalist, Yves Debay, has died from sniper fire in north Syria's Aleppo, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said on Friday.

Anti-regime activists in Aleppo posted online photographs of Debay's body and of his press card, as well as an amateur video showing the corpse.

The French defence ministry press card, dated 2010, showed Debay's name and picture.

The AMC's Abu Hisham told AFP via the Internet that he was first alerted of Debay's killing by a volunteer at an Aleppo field hospital.

Another activist who spoke to AFP via the Internet on condition of anonymity said he helped put Debay's body in an ambulance en route to the Bab al-Salama border crossing with Turkey.

Debay founded Assaut magazine, a French publication specialised in defence.

He reportedly described himself as a "rebel journalist."

Debay was born in 1954 in Lubumbashi, in what was then the Belgian Congo.

He volunteered until 1980 with the ex-Rhodesian army of the white minority regime that ruled what is now Zimbabwe until 1980.

At least 17 professional journalists, both foreign and Syrian, and 44 citizen journalists have died reporting on one of the deadliest wars for the media in recent years, according to figures from media watchdog Reporters Without Borders.

Parents tried to exorcise child

STOCKHOLM (AFP) - A Congolese couple living in Sweden were charged Friday with child abuse for trying to exorcise their daughter at age 10 because they thought she was a witch, a prosecutor said.

The couple from the Democratic Republic of Congo "think their daughter is a witch and reject the accusation" of abuse, Larson said.

The indictment is based on three alleged acts of abuse committed between February 2007 and February 2008.

The girl, who claims she is not the couple's biological daughter though the parents say otherwise, was beaten unconscious and forced to drink a concoction made up of a cleaning product and her own urine, according to the charge sheet.

Social services removed the girl, born in 1997, from her parents' custody in 2008 and she has since been living with a foster family. The girl only recently opened up about the abuse "once she felt safe," the prosecutor said.

She had been placed with the foster family because of various reports that she was not being treated well at home. Her school had among other

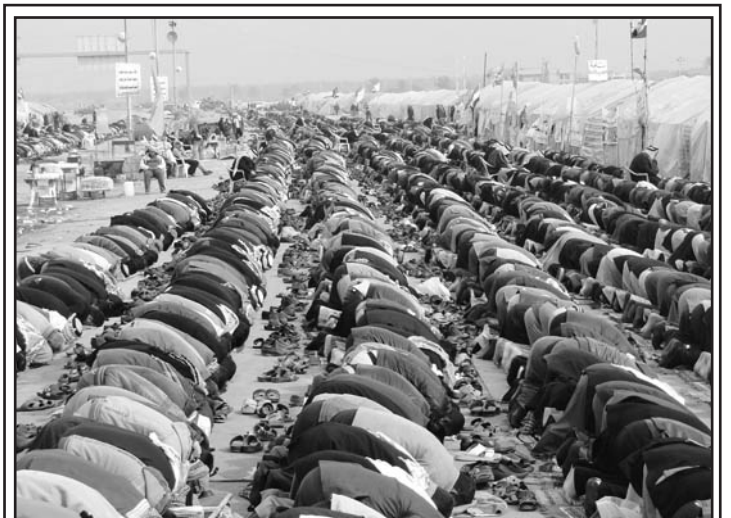
things reported to social services that her parents treated her very differently from her brothers and sisters, for example sending her to school in dirty clothes everyday.

According to the online version of local daily Boraas Tidning, the parents had in 2008 applied for a social welfare cheque to be able to afford a trip to DR Congo to exorcise

the girl. The aid was refused and she was shortly thereafter placed in foster care, though the abuse was never investigated at the time.

The trial is due to start in the next few months.

Another similar case went to trial in Boraas last year. The accused, also from DR Congo, were acquitted, and the prosecutor has appealed the verdict.



RAMADI (AFP) : Iraqi Sunni Muslims perform the weekly Friday prayer before taking to the streets in an anti-government protest in the western Iraqi city of Ramadi on January 18, 2013. Thousands of Sunni Muslims took to the streets of the capital Baghdad and other parts of Iraq on to decry the alleged targeting of their minority, in rallies hardening opposition to the country's Shiite leader.



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Latin American women face widespread violence: study



WASHINGTON (AFP) - More than half of Bolivian women have suffered domestic violence, according to a report out yesterday that found such abuse widespread in Latin America, with partners usually the perpetrators.

In seven of the 12 Latin American and Caribbean countries surveyed by the Pan American Health Organization, more than one in four women reported having experienced such brutality in their lifetimes.

At 17 percent, women in the Dominican Republic reported the lowest level of domestic violence. It was followed by its neighbor Haiti, the poorest country in the region, with 19 percent.

PAHO pointed to social and cultural norms that support violence against women in the region, including that "there are times when a woman deserves to be beaten" and "a

man has a right to assert power over a woman and is considered socially superior."

It also found that physical violence is considered an "acceptable way" to resolve conflict in a relationship and that sexual activity -- including rape -- is a "marker of masculinity."

Even when looking at just a 12-month period, rather than an entire lifetime, the report found that more than a quarter of women -- 25.5 percent -- in Bolivia reported physical or sexual violence in 2008.

The lowest ratio, at 7.7 percent, was in El Salvador (2008) and Jamaica (2008-2009).

In up to 82 percent of cases, women suffered physical injuries, ranging from cuts and bruises to broken bones, miscarriages and burns.

Despite the abuse, between 28 percent and 64 percent of victims did not speak to anyone or seek help, according to

the 156-page report, titled "Violence Against Women in Latin America and the Caribbean."

The analysis of more than 180,000 women also showed that women who were beaten in childhood reported violence at the hands of their partners as adults at higher rates than those who were not hit when they were young.

In all countries except Paraguay, women said a partner's drunkenness or drug use was the most common trigger for violence. The second most commonly cited cause was jealousy.

PAHO, which is based in Washington, warned that violence against women has consequences across generations, with violence against women and against children often taking place in the same household.

The report said that children living in households where women were subject to violence were at significantly greater risk of being punished with hitting, beating, spanking or slapping.

Countries participating in the study included Bolivia, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Paraguay, and Peru. Data was culled from national surveys conducted between 2003 and 2009.

Health & Living

US breaks up sex trafficking ring

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US authorities arrested 12 people charged with bringing women from Mexico and Nicaragua into the United States and forcing them to work as prostitutes, the Justice Department said Thursday.

Eleven women were rescued from the traffickers and 44 other people were detained for questioning, said a statement from the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency.

The leader of the gang, identified as Joaquin Mendez Hernandez, was said to have brought women into the country with the promise of em-

ployment.

He would then threaten them and force them to work as prostitutes in several south-eastern US states, the statement alleged.

In one case Mendez Hernandez threatened to send a Mexican woman back home unless she serviced 25 customers per day, according to the charge sheet read out in court in Savannah, Georgia.

"Few crimes so damage their victims and undermine basic human decency. Our fight against this evil must be relentless, both here and abroad," said ICE director John Morton.

Flu shots pose no extra risk of pregnancy loss

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Pregnant women in Norway who got vaccinated against the swine flu virus that caused the 2009-2010 pandemic showed no increased risk of pregnancy loss, contrary to popular belief, says a study released.

Pregnant women who came down with the flu did however have increased risk of miscarriage and still birth, said the study carried out in Norway.

Scientists at the US National Institutes of Health and the Norwegian Institute of Public Health published their findings online in the New England Journal of Medicine.

During the H1N1 flu pandemic, Norway urged pregnant women to get vaccinated. But some expectant mothers shied

from this after news reports of pregnancy losses after flu shots.

The researchers said their study suggested that influenza infection may increase the risk of fetal loss.

They reached their conclusion by analyzing Norway's well-kept archives of registries and medical records.

The risk of pregnancy loss can be multiplied by a factor of two if a pregnant woman catches the flu, while vaccination reduced this risk.

"Most important is that vaccinations protect pregnant women against influenza illness, which could be harmful for both the mother and the baby," said Allen Wilcox of the NIH, co-author of the study.

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To sum up, here are just a few medical conditions in which drinking green tea is reputed to be helpful: *cancer - * rheumatoid arthritis - * high cholesterol levels - * cardiovascular disease - * infection and also *impaired immune function



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Sci-Tech

Global Web censors use devices from US firm: study



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Authoritarian regimes around the world are using technology from a Silicon Valley firm for Internet surveillance, filtering and censorship, according to a report. The report this week from the University of Toronto's Citizen Lab said devices from California-based security firm Blue Coat Systems were being used in China, Russia, Venezuela and other countries with "a history of concerns over human rights."

"Our findings support the need for national and international scrutiny of Blue Coat

implementations in the countries we have identified, and a closer look at the global proliferation of 'dual-use' information and communication technologies," said the report.

"Internet service providers responsible for these deployments should consider publicly clarifying their function, and we hope Blue Coat will take this report as an opportunity to explain their due diligence process to ensure that their devices are not used in ways that violate human rights."

The Citizen Lab report said several weeks of scanning and

analysis that ended in January 2013 uncovered 61 Blue Coat ProxySG devices and 316 Blue Coat PacketShaper appliances "with specific functionality permitting filtering, censorship, and surveillance."

It said the devices were found in Egypt, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Afghanistan, Bahrain, China, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya, Lebanon, Malaysia, Nigeria, Russia, South Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Turkey, and Venezuela.

The new report comes after Blue Coat technologies were discovered in Syria in 2011 being used for Internet filtering and monitoring.

The company did not immediately respond to an AFP query on the Citizen Lab report.

In 2011, it issued a statement claiming its devices ended up in Syria after an "unlawful diversion" and that its appliances "are not intended for surveillance purposes."

The company's website says it "offers solutions that provide the visibility, acceleration and security required to optimize and secure the flow of information to any user, on any network, anywhere."

Record high radiation level found in fish: TEPCO

TOKYO (AFP) - A fish contaminated with radiation levels more than 2,500 times the legal limit has been caught near Japan's crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant, its operator said Friday.

Tokyo Electric Power Co. (TEPCO) said caesium equivalent to 254,000 becquerels per kilogramme -- or 2,540 times more than the government seafood limit -- was detected in a "murasoi" fish.

The fish, similar to rockfish, was caught at a port in-

side the Fukushima plant, a TEPCO spokesman said.

The Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant was battered by a towering tsunami following a huge earthquake on March 11, 2011, causing reactor meltdowns which spewed radioactive contamination into the atmosphere.

Fishing around Fukushima was halted and the government banned beef, milk, mushrooms and vegetables from being produced in surrounding areas.

Be kind to your seafood, study urges

PARIS (AFP) - A lobster thrown live into boiling water may suffer for many seconds, said a scientist who argued Thursday that crustaceans can likely feel pain.

A set of experiments on crabs revealed that the animals are willing to give up a valuable dark hiding place in order to avoid an electric shock, an indicator of pain, said a study in the Journal of Experimental Biology.

Crabs in the study learnt to avoid the shelter in a laboratory tank where they had re-

peatedly received a shock, said study leader Bob Elwood of Queen's University in Belfast.

"They were willing to give up their hideaway in order to avoid the source of their probable pain."

Elwood said billions of prawns, crabs and lobster are caught or reared for human consumption every year and treated in "very extreme ways".

"Crabs have their claws torn off and the live crab is thrown back in the sea. Lobsters and prawns have the front half of the body torn off from the abdomen which is kept for the meat. The nervous system in the head and thorax is still functional an hour later."

The biologist said many people assumed that because crustaceans do not have a brain resembling that of vertebrate animals, they could not feel pain.

"Crustaceans are invertebrates and people do not care about invertebrates," he said.

"More consideration of the treatment of these animals is needed as a potentially very large problem is being ignored."



TOKYO (AFP) - A picture released Friday by Japanese investigators probing the emergency landing of a Dreamliner that grounded the Boeing 787 worldwide showed the battery was apparently charred and blackened. Scorch marks were evident on the blue casing of the aircraft's main battery which also showed evidence of some kind of a seemingly tar-like liquid that appeared to have boiled over and leaked down the side. The battery, which was removed from the plane's main power unit at the front of the plane, sits on a wooden pallet next to the fully intact battery from the rear.

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17. Salisbury Plain attraction
19. "...sad words of tongue or pen" (Whittier)
20. Itty-bitty
21. Israelite judge
22. One-point Scrabble tiles
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34. Tough stuff
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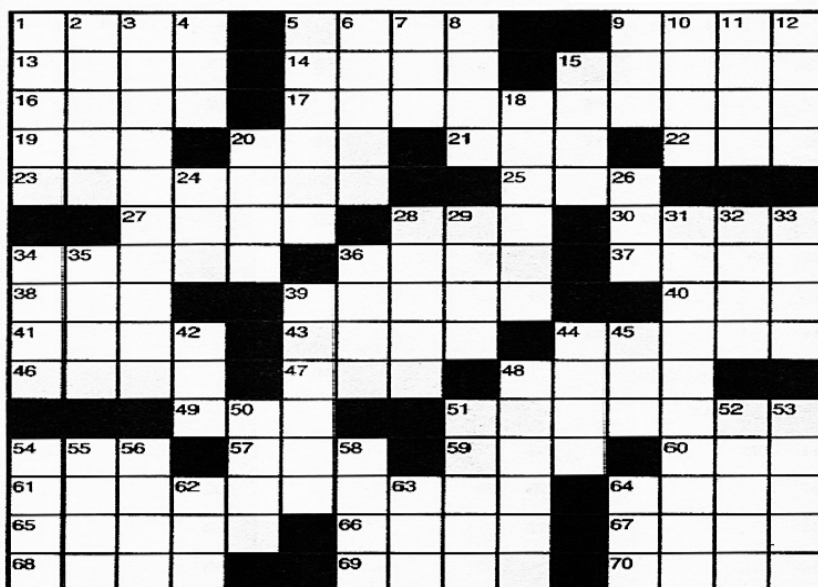
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68. Nightstand item
69. Aphid, e.g.
70. "___ Angel"

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5. Agreement

6. Pearly ___
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32. Careen
33. Flightless birds
34. Wise men of the Bible
35. Olden exclamation
36. Greek meeting place

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42. Chatter
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45. Sooner than, poetically
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50. Completes payments on
51. Glove fillers
52. Rich dessert
53. Aden's country
54. Ready and willing's partner
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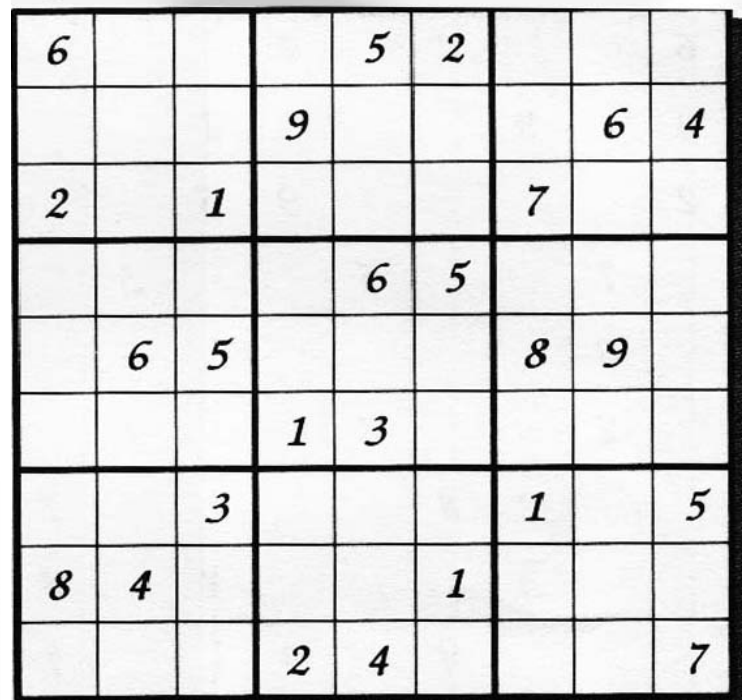
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US House Republicans back 3-month debt limit increase

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The House of Representatives will vote next week to temporarily raise the US debt limit for three months, the chamber's leadership said Friday as Republicans leaned toward resolving a protracted fiscal impasse.

The move would help defuse a time bomb that Congress and the White House face in late February with the nation hitting its debt ceiling, looming automatic federal spending cuts, and debate over the budget.

"Next week, we will authorize a three-month temporary debt limit increase to give the Senate and House time to pass a budget," House Majority Leader Eric Cantor said in a statement.

"If the Senate or House fails to pass a budget in that time, members of Congress will not be paid by the American people for failing to do their job. No budget, no pay," he added.

"It's time to come together and get to work," Cantor said.

President Barack Obama has repeatedly said he will not negotiate on extending US borrowing capacity and has called

on Congress to raise the limit so the government can meet its obligations.

"We are not a deadbeat nation," a stern-faced Obama insisted Monday, calling the Republican threats irresponsible and "absurd."

The latest move -- announced at the end of a two-day Republican retreat outside Washington -- is seen by some officials as a concession and a sign of the pressure House Republicans face over the prospect of sending the government into default.

Democratic Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said it was "reassuring" to see the Republicans "back off their threat to hold our economy hostage."

"If the House can pass a clean debt ceiling increase to avoid default and allow the United States to meet its existing obligations, we will be happy to consider it," Reid said in a statement.

"This issue is too important to middle class families' economic security to use as a ploy for collecting a ransom."

Congressman Paul Ryan, the powerful House Budget Committee chairman and Mitt Romney's losing vice presidential nominee, backed the proposal but insisted the Senate pass a budget that gives priority to how taxpayer dollars are spent.

Any deal to temporarily raise the debt ceiling "rests on the recognition that our challenge is twofold: We have to pay our bills today, and we have to make sure we can pay our bills tomorrow," Ryan said.

"To achieve both ends, we must cut spending and budget responsibly."

Finance

US probes shrimp subsidies in 7 countries

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States launched an investigation Friday into alleged subsidies of more than \$4 billion worth of shrimp exports by seven top global producers that could lead to new import duties.

The US International Trade Administration said the probe would seek to determine whether warm-water shrimp exported to the United States from Thailand, China, Indonesia, India, Ecuador, Malaysia and Vietnam received unfair government support, as the US shrimp industry has accused.

The countervailing duty (CVD) investigation targets mainly farmed shrimp exported frozen to the US, which was valued at \$4.2 billion in 2011.

The investigation was launched in response to a complaint by US shrimp harvesters and processors.

The Coalition of Gulf Shrimp Industries said in a December 28 petition to the government that shrimp producers in the seven countries "have gained US market share by aggressively undercutting domestic prices through the use of billions of dollars in assistance from their respective governments."

"Subsidized imports have suppressed and depressed domestic prices, eroding domestic sales, destroying US jobs, and eliminating the operating margins of domestic producers."

The International Trade Administration said Thailand was the leading exporter of the seven, shipping \$1.6 billion worth of shrimp to the US in 2011.

Indonesia shipped \$667 million worth, Vietnam \$493 million, India \$512 million, Ecuador \$524 million, China \$154 million, and Malaysia \$206 million.

The government plans to make its initial decision on whether to continue the investigations in February. Final determinations could come in July, the agency said.



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Budweiser brewer InBev announces extra \$1.2 bn bond issue

BRUSSELS (AFP) - The world's leading brewer, AB InBev, said on Friday it was issuing another 1.2 billion in bonds in Canadian dollars, fresh from a \$4.0-billion issue announcement.

The additional issue, worth some 900 million euros (\$1.2

billion), is offered in two parts: 600 million Canadian dollars with a redemption date of 2018 and an interest rate of 2.375 percent; and the other half by 2023 at 3.375 percent.

Again, the financing raised will be used for the company's general needs, it said.

BP says 'small number' of staff unaccounted for at gas plant

LONDON (AFP) - BP said Friday that a "small number" of its staff at the In Amenas gas plant in Algeria were unaccounted for, adding that it had evacuated hundreds of workers amid the "serious" hostage crisis at the facility.

The British energy giant added: "The serious situation at the In Amenas site in eastern Algeria remains ongoing. The situation remains unclear and BP continues to seek updates from the authorities."

The London-listed company, which operates the site, said it had evacuated workers from several Algerian facilities including In Amenas, where dozens of foreigners were taken hostage by Islamic militants.

The In Amenas gas field is a joint venture between BP, Norwegian group Statoil and Algerian state-owned oil firm Sonatrach, and is situated in the remote Sahara desert in eastern Algeria, not far from the Libyan border.



EL PARAISO, Honduras (AFP) : An agriculturist looks at damages caused by Roya blight at Finca Santa Elena, in the department El Paraiso, 110 kms east of Tegucigalpa, on January 17, 2013. Central America, one of main producers of the best Arabica Coffee, is analyzing to take measures to combat the plague already threatening more than one third of the bean crop, one of the region's major export item.

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The evening at Fusion started with a champagne toast

as Tabitha met her guests with her famous signature smile, thanking them for their support of her T-on-T, Tabitha on Television show in 2012 and expressing her hopes and aspirations for further collaboration and even more fun in 2013.

Fusion which boasts a fully stocked bar and kitchen with an extensive wine by the glass



menu, presented party goes with a delicious wine selection from around the world, and delectable hors d'oeuvres, from the bar's interesting tapas menu.

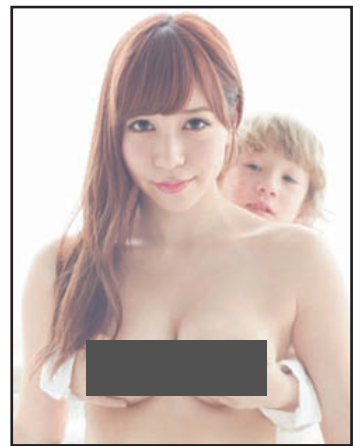
The party spilled over from the air conditioned bar to the tropical lounge area outside, adjacent to the Alhambra Casino.

Tabitha who also co-hosts a

talk show on Magic 96.5FM, in collaboration with media personalities Jacqueline Suttle and Rona Coster, reports 96.5% Pica is on the air on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday with a variety of relevant and contemporary topics of discussion, from 11am to 12noon.

Pictured here dignitaries, press members and Tabitha Fecunda, at Fusion.

Japan police probe pop singer's 'child porn' picture



TOKYO (AFP) - Japanese police have launched a probe over a controversial magazine picture of a child in a provocative pose with a naked pop singer.

About 670,000 copies of the popular weekly Young Magazine were pulled from stores ahead of its planned sale last weekend because of a storm over the photograph, which showed singer Tomomi Kasai with a young, apparently Caucasian or Eurasian child cupping her breasts.

The magazine's publisher Kodansha said two of its employees who handle compliance matters went voluntarily to the police "after receiving a request for a hearing over the issue".

"The child welfare section (of the police department) asked that the picture in question no longer be circulated," a company spokesman said, adding that police wanted all copies of the magazine taken out of circulation.

Japan's huge publishing sector includes magazines and graphic comics containing images that may be considered obscene in other developed countries. It is not uncommon to see people reading such material on commuter trains.

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Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef



Keshi Yena with plaintains, vegetables and pica

An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses range from Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy and bargain-priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local. **They are open from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM, daily,** offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!

JILIN (AFP) : This picture taken on January 17, 2013 shows 77-year-old retired teacher Gao Yinyu exercising in his underwear at a snow-covered bathing spot in Jilin, in northeastern China's Jilin province, in a temperature of minus 25 degrees Celsius. Gao has been exercising in only his underwear every morning for more than the past decade and has rarely caught cold ever since retirement.



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Football: Historic Barca show no signs of easing up



MADRID (AFP) - The records continue to tumble for Barcelona, who finished the first half of the season with the highest ever points total in La Liga.

But talisman Lionel Messi is still not taking the league for granted as they prepare to take on Real Sociedad.

Their remarkable total of 55 points from a possible 57 is three more than Pep Guardiola's Barca side managed in the 2010-11 season after 19 games and gives them an 11-point lead over Atletico Madrid while Real Madrid languish 18 points adrift.

On a personal level, Messi has hit an unrivaled 28 goals in the first half of this campaign and faces Sociedad knowing that a goal would see him equal the Barca and Liga record of scoring in 10 straight matches for the second time after scoring 18 goals in 10 matches during the 2011-12 campaign.

He currently shares that mark with Ronaldo who scored 12 in 10 games during the 1996-97 season while Mariano Martin put away 18 in 10 matches between 1942 and 1943.

David Villa is expected to

miss the trip to San Sebastian through injury and so Messi is again set to play alongside Pedro Rodriguez and Andres Iniesta as Alexis Sanchez struggles for form.

The Chilean was booed by sections of the crowd as a weakened Barca drew 2-2 with Malaga in the King's Cup semi-final first leg on Wednesday night.

Real Madrid avoided any hiccups with a 2-0 win over Valencia but there remains plenty of tension in the camp as was shown with an argument between Jose Mourinho and Cristiano Ronaldo at the end of the match.

One of the main questions now is who will be in goal as Madrid face Valencia again in the league, with Spain international Iker Casillas having been replaced by Antonio Adan before Adan was suspended.

Atletico face a tough clash with Europe-chasing Levante while Real Betis, surprisingly occupying the fourth Champions League slot after a bright start, now take on Athletic Bilbao.

Malaga will look to build on their performance against Barcelona with the visit of

Celta Vigo while Rayo Vallecano, level on 31 points, play Granada.

At the other end of the table the bottom two, Osasuna and Deportivo la Coruna, go head-to-head and Mallorca above them face a rejuvenated Espanyol.

Meanwhile, Barcelona keeper Victor Valdes stunned the Liga leaders by informing them he will not renew his contract when it expires next year before they even had a chance to make an offer, officials said Friday.

The 31-year-old player's representatives met with the club on Thursday and told them of the "irrevocable decision not to renew his contract, thus avoiding entering into financial discussions," Valdes' agent Gines Carvajal said in a statement.

Barcelona sports director Andoni Zubizarreta said the club had been expecting to discuss renewing the contract for their first-choice keeper. Elsewhere, Sevilla with new boss Unai Emery face Getafe and Valladolid take on Zaragoza.

Fixtures (all times GMT)

Saturday

Granada v Rayo Vallecano (1500), Real Sociedad v Barcelona (1700), Getafe v Sevilla (1900), Malaga v Celta Vigo (2100)

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Osasuna v Deportivo la Coruna (1100), Valladolid v Zaragoza (1600), Atletico Madrid v Levante (1800), Valencia v Real Madrid (2000)

Monday

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Golf: Rules blunder sinks Woods

ABU DHABI (AFP) - Tiger Woods' first foray of the 2013 season came to an abrupt end at the Abu Dhabi Golf Championship on Friday when a bizarre rules infringement meant he missed the cut.

The world No.2 had battled back from a poor start to the day to get to one over for the tournament, with the cut for the weekend projected to be at two over.

But he had earlier been informed by referee Andy McFee while playing the 11th that he was facing a two stroke penalty for an incident on the fifth.

That came about when Woods took a drop thinking his ball was embedded in a grounded area to the right of the fairway. He had asked playing partner Martin Kaymer, who agreed the ball was embedded.

The problem was that after spectators had brought the matter to the notice of course officials, an investigation was carried out and the area was deemed to be a sanded area of scrub, from which no relief is allowed under the rules.

The two-stroke penalty was later confirmed by officials when Woods finished his round.

In explanation, McFee said: "The embedded ball rule is for a closely-mown area only. There's a note to that rule, which extends embedded ball relief to through the green, but that is very specific in that it says in ground other than sand."

"So wherever you are, you do not get a relief for a ball which is embedded in sand and that's just a bad lie and you have to play it."

Woods said that he had not realised that the area was sandy-based and that was why he took the drop.

"So that was why Andy gave me a penalty and I missed the cut," he said. "It's tough because I didn't get off to a very good start today and I fought and got it back."

Woods said he would head for home and get ready for his second start of the season at Torrey Pines, California for the Farmers Insurance tournament.

Spain's Ferrer into Open fourth round



MELBOURNE (AFP) -Cyprus's Marcos Baghdatis hits a return against Spain's David Ferrer during their men's singles match on day five of the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne yesterday. Ferrer, coming off a career-best season, won 6-4, 6-2, 6-3

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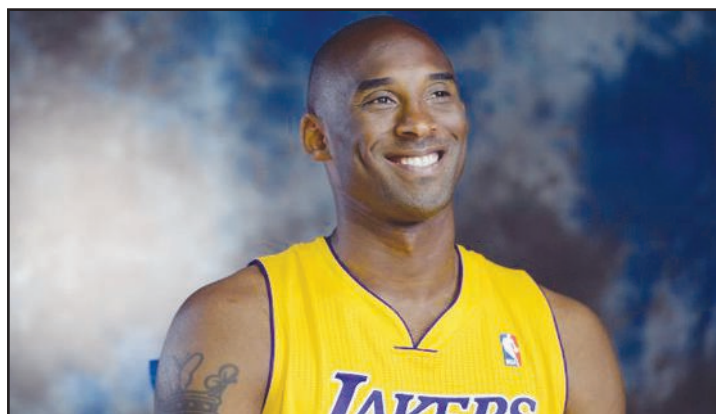
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NBA: James scores 39 points in Heat win over Lakers, while Bryant gets record 15th straight All Star nod

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - LeBron James showed he had no intention of slowing down after reaching the 20,000-point milestone, scoring 39 points Thursday to lead NBA champions Miami to a 99-90 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers.

The victory came one day after James scored 25 points in a win over Golden State in Oakland, California, becoming the youngest player in NBA history, at 28, to record 20,000 career points. He also reached 5,000 career assists.

Dwyane Wade, who cele-



brated his 31st birthday on Thursday and learned that like James he'd been elected an Eastern Conference starter to the All-Star game, added 27 points, five assists and four rebounds for Miami.

Kobe Bryant, who led all All-Star vote-getters in earning a 15th straight starting spot in the mid-season exhibition, paced the Lakers with 22 points.

But he connected on just 8-of-25 from the field, missing 14 of his first 17 shots, as the Heat defense stifled Los Angeles and forced 20 Lakers turnovers.

Metta World Peace followed with 16 points and Dwight Howard contributed a double-double of 13 points and 16 rebounds. But Los Angeles couldn't stretch their two-game winning streak.

There was some good news for the lackluster Lakers, who had Pau Gasol return from a five-game absence because of a concussion to score 12 points with four rebounds and four assists off the bench.

The Lakers made it interesting at the end, with Bryant's three-pointer knotting the score at 90-90 with 2:33 remaining. Wade answered with a jump shot, Lakers center Dwight Howard missed two free throws and Ray Allen

made a jump shot to give the Heat a 94-90 lead.

After Lakers point guard Steve Nash missed a layup, James gave Miami breathing room with a jump shot that made it 96-90 with 49 seconds to play. He added one more basket and a free-throw to close it out.

"I thought we played well enough to beat them," Lakers coach Mike D'Antoni said. "At the end of the day, turnovers killed us."

The league announced the starters for the 2013 mid-season exhibition and said Bryant received 1,591,437 votes to edge Miami's LeBron James (1,583,646) as the top vote-getter.

Bryant had been tied with Jerry West, Karl Malone and Shaquille O'Neal for the most consecutive All-Star nods.

The Los Angeles Clippers' Chris Paul will be Bryant's partner at the guard position in the Western Conference starting lineup. Paul, with 929,155 votes, beat out Houston's Jeremy Lin (883,809) for the spot.

Paul's teammate Blake Griffin, the Lakers' Dwight Howard and Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant -- the reigning All-Star Game Most Valuable Player -- round out the West's frontcourt.

In addition to James, the Eastern Conference's frontcourt features New York's Carmelo Anthony and Boston's Kevin Garnett. The guards are Miami's Dwyane Wade and the Celtics' Rajon Rondo.

The 62nd NBA All-Star Game will be played in Houston on Sunday, February 17.

The starting lineups were determined by global fan voting. This year in a new twist fans were able to vote via social networks including Face-

book and Twitter, and Sina Weibo and Tencent QQ in China.

The reserves will be selected by polling of the 30 NBA head coaches, who must vote for seven players within their conference and can't vote for players on their own teams.

The reserves will be announced on January 24.

The East and West All-Star coaches will be determined by the best record in the conferences through February 3.

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Armstrong leaves questions unanswered



PARIS, (AFP) - Shamed US cyclist Lance Armstrong may have admitted that he took banned performance-enhancing drugs to win seven Tour de France titles but he has left a number of unanswered questions about his activities:

What did Armstrong say?

Armstrong admitted using erythropoietin (EPO), testosterone, blood transfusions, human growth hormones and corticosteroids between 1999 and 2005 and even before he was diagnosed with testicular cancer in 1996.

He claimed that drug-taking was "part of the job" and tried to minimise the scale of his involvement by insisting that he had never forced his teammates to do the same and he was surprised that former colleagues accused him of pressuring them to dope.

What did he not say?

A lot more than he admitted. But with the second part of his interview on Friday dealing with sponsors, the Livestrong cancer foundation he set up and his family, Armstrong is unlikely to lift the lid on those issues.

The main question that remains unanswered is how he managed to maintain what he called his "big lie" over more than 10 years, particularly as the sport's most high profile figure.

His claim that getting away with it was "just a question of timing" has failed to satisfy his detractors, who still claim collusion, complicity and indulgence on the part of the

International Cycling Union (UCI) governing body and others.

Armstrong told Oprah Winfrey that the UCI had "made nothing disappear" -- in other words no positive test -- a statement seized upon by UCI president Pat McQuaid and his predecessor Hein Verbruggen as proof there was no wrongdoing.

But Armstrong's donation of \$125,000 to the federation and his explanation that they "needed money" has still not convinced detractors.

Armstrong likewise did not mention other financial issues such as whether he misused public funds to finance his doping activities while a member of the US Postal Service team.

Nor did he refer to the claim from the SCA Promotions insurance company, which is seeking a return of \$12 million in win bonuses.

He also said nothing about the risk of going to prison after lying under oath in front of a grand jury that he did not take banned drugs, which could yet see him charged with perjury.

What about his return to the sport in 2009?

Armstrong admitted that he doped until 2005 and his first retirement coincided with the introduction of out-of-competition random drug-testing. But he denied taking performance-enhancing drugs when he made a comeback in 2009 and 2010.

Closer scrutiny may therefore be made of his biological passport, which the UCI intro-

duced in 2008 to combat blood-doping.

Questions remain about Armstrong's links with the Italian doctor Michele Ferrari, whom he called a "good person". Ferrari has denied overseeing Armstrong's doping but his real role could be clarified

as part of an Italian probe which is due to report.

Meanwhile, Three-time Tour de France winner Greg LeMond the cycling race's only American champion not to be disqualified for doping, says Lance Armstrong's claim he had to cheat to win hurts all

winners.

LeMond told Cyclingnews he saw no remorse from Armstrong in his confession interview with Oprah Winfrey, calling the show a choreographed public relations stunt by Armstrong.



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